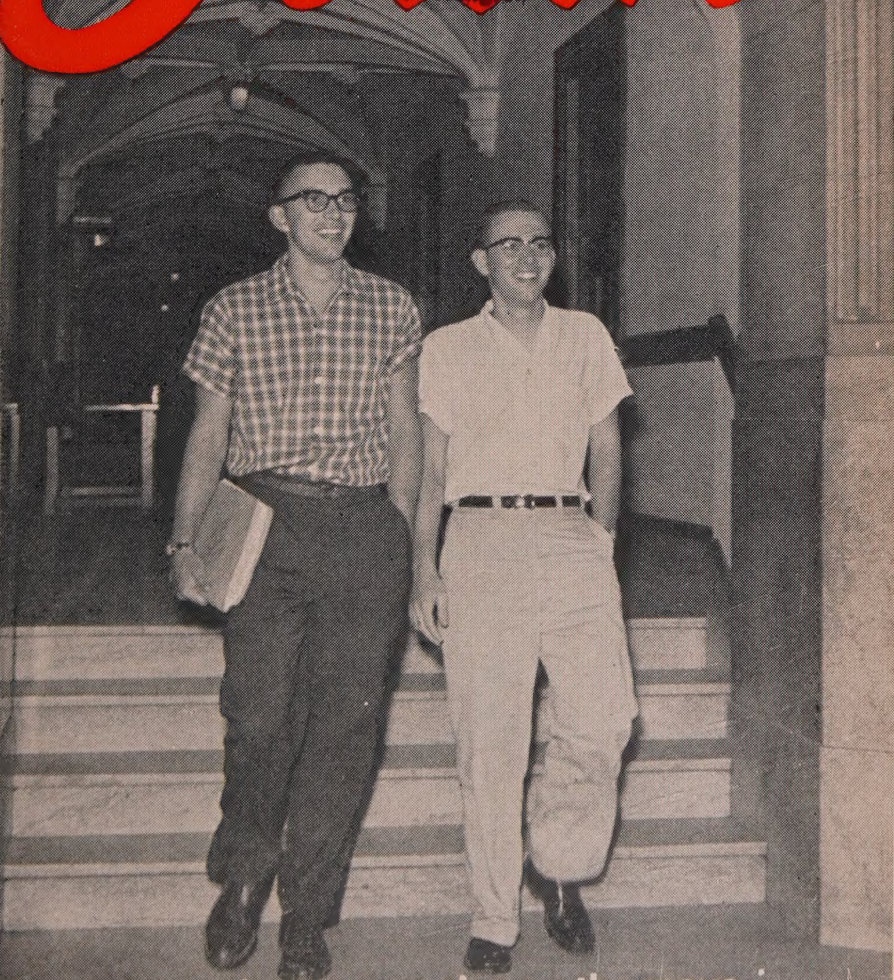


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Young people in the United Church of Christ

AS A MODERN YOUNG CHRISTIAN, you've got a big role to play in today's world. As a church member, you've got an even bigger place reserved for you in the United Church of Christ. Here's hoping the following articles in this special issue of *YOUTH* magazine will help you see where you are now, and where you're going. As our co-presidents say, you're starting today, not tomorrow.

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What Ephesians says about

Growing

HAVE YOU ever stood in a "friendship circle" with a lump in your throat and a tear in your eye? As you stood there around the campfire with hands joined, looking into the faces of people you'd come to know in a "special" way, you were suddenly conscious of a new relationship, a new perspective. What was it? What happened?

Some might pass it off as a sentimental feeling, a surge of emotion, and that's all. But, is this the whole story? I think not. There are times when a friendship circle touches something that lies deep within the soul of each one of us. It is a deep, yearning desire of the spirit.

Perhaps the writer of Psalm 133 said it as well as it can be said when he wrote the words: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity." There it is—unity! The feeling of spiritual harmony, of real oneness—this is truly a good feeling.

Today there is so much hostility between various races and groups of men. In such a world of conflict and discord, is it possible to have complete unity? Is it possible to

Unity

By William V. Tollas

Have a "fellowship of kindred minds, like to that above"? The answer is YES! Not only is it possible, but as a Christian young person, you are right in the middle of the search and the struggle for unity. As a member of the United Church of Christ, you have an opportunity to make a real contribution to unity in the world. How can we say with such confidence that unity is possible? Because it is something that not only we, as human beings, yearn for, it is something that God wants too!

Perhaps the biblical writer who had the clearest vision of unity was the apostle Paul. Of the books he has written in our New Testament, it is his letter to the Ephesians that deals specifically with the idea of unity. What does it have to say to us?

First of all, don't study Paul's letter to the Ephesians if you are afraid of big ideas! Get ready to "let yourself go," and think some really big thoughts. Paul's vision of unity was no small, limited idea.

When God sent Jesus Christ into the world, says Paul, it was to reveal a plan to "unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth" (1:10).

Think of it! Paul sees here not only the possibility that all men can dwell together in unity as brothers, but that the whole universe can become a perfect unity. God's plan includes a perfect harmony among all parts of creation.

But how is this to be accomplished? Here Paul speaks directly to you as a member of the church! It is *through the church*, Paul says, that God will make known to the world his plan for the unity of all things. Not only is the church to make this plan of God known to the world, but it is the instrument which is being used by God to bring about this unity. This is what we, as members of the church, have been "called" to do. Paul puts the challenge this way: "I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called" (4:1).

As Paul talks of the church, he likes to refer to it by his favorite symbol, "the body of Christ," of which Christ is the "head." As the

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“. . . how good it

A high school girl and African woman compare notes at a world conference of Christians.



mind controls the activities of our physical body, so the spirit of Christ must control the life of the church, his body. If our physical body is to be strong and healthy, each organ must function properly, and there must be harmony and coordination among all the members of the body. If there is to be unity in the world, says Paul, it will come as the church attains spiritual unity, when every part works together harmoniously with every other part.

“Why don’t you grow up?” Paul is asking Christians. To grow up is

never an easy process. Sometimes there are “growing pains.” For example, we cannot force the individual cells in our body to grow any faster or differently than God intended. These cells will just grow. But we can help insure that these cells in our body have the best possible surroundings in which to grow normally and creatively by providing our bodies with proper food, rest, and exercise.

And so it is with the growing Christian!

God has given us the equipment we need—a soul with his image stamped upon it, a mind that can think his thoughts after him, and certain talents and abilities. In addition, Paul mentions certain “gifts” that God has given to men. “And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers” (4:11).

How we grow, however, is up to us. All must help to insure the best possible surroundings in which this spirit can be nourished. Our growth as Christians depends upon the attitudes we cultivate, the standard of

men brothers dwell together in unity."

growth against which we measure ourselves.

Paul suggests that if we are to grow in unity we must grow as a body—together. As members of the church, we need each other, we depend upon each other. As denominations, we need each other, we depend upon each other. Until all members of the body of Christ understand the function that God has assigned to them, and are willing to perform that function in cooperative harmony with other parts of the body, there can be no real unity.

To attain Christian unity, Paul suggests that we must cultivate certain attitudes—"with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" (4:2). But, the unity of the spirit is never attained by sacrificing or watering down the truth. We must be honest with each other as Christians, but do it in the spirit of love: "Rather,

speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, even Christ" (4:15).

It is customary, in our "friendship circles," to leave one part of the circle open, instead of joining hands to make a complete circle. This may serve as a symbol that complete unity is not yet a fact. There is a theological unity which exists by virtue of the fact, as Paul says, that there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all" (4:5, 6).

But our unity will only be complete when we have found a "working" unity, when Christians will live and work as brother in deed, as well as in fact.

The birth of the United Church of Christ can be one real step toward unity, if we determine that we shall grow together in Christ. Meanwhile, the circle is still open, and God waits until it shall be completed, when all men dwell together in unity.



Leading the youth of the United Church of Christ are James Schmidt, Cincinnati, O., and Reginald Wagner, Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., co-presidents of the Joint National Youth Council of the Pilgrim Fellowship (CC) and Youth Fellowship (ER). Under their leadership these two youth movements within the United Church of Christ are moving increasingly toward closer fellowship. For about ten years now the two groups have had a common purpose (see page 32). Can you find Jim and Reggie among the sketches on pages 19-21? (Cover photo by Marjorie Hyer)



**at the Uniting General Synod
June 25, 1957**

A Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, to whose deeds we gladly testify:

He calls the worlds into being,
creates man in his own image
and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save his people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
he has come to us,
shared our common lot,
conquered sin and death,
and reconciled the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit
creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his Church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be his servants in the service of men,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises, to all who trust him,
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
his presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him! Amen.



Dr. Fred Hoskins

Youth are the church today

IN COLLEGE I heard dozens of chapel talks. I recall one sentence only from them all. But this one sentence has been important to me. It was spoken, or quoted, in the time of platitudinous and epigrammatic speeches. Possibly, then, you will not be surprised at its penguin-like formality—"What you are to be you are now becoming."

You may think that lugubrious. But for me it was not. Instantly it gave the lie to the standard view that youth should patiently fill their buckets with learning until some mystical occasion when they could begin acting like people.

Youth *are* people and from the first should have been properly engaged in the business of living responsibly. You do not have to wait until some future date to be real churchmen. If ever you are to be important to the United Church of Christ, the chances are you already are busy at being the kind of church leader you have aspired to be.

Keep the United Church of Christ a uniting church. To say to the young people of our denomination, "You are the church of tomorrow," is vague. Furthermore, it is not true. The youth of today are the church of today. There are, however, at least two things I want today's youth to do for the United Church of Christ of tomorrow. The first is to keep the United Church a uniting church.

The United Church of Christ is one in a series of church unions. The Evangelical and Reformed Church was formed in 1934 by the union of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States. The National Council of the Congregational Churches and the General Convention of the Christian Church united in 1931 to form the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches. Two separate and distinct church groups had, by union, already been added to the latter organism. None of these unions, including that of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of the Congre-

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Dr. James E. Wagner

Today is tomorrow is today

IF THAT title looks like a take-off on Gertrude Stein's famous line, "A rose is a rose is a rose,"—it isn't.

It is, rather, an attempt to say to the young people of the United Church of Christ that churchmanship and Christ-like living are not characteristics which are "dated" at age 18 or 21 or 25 or any other figure, and not to be achieved before that age.

Instead, how good a churchman, how vital a Christian, you will be five years—or 50 years—from now will for most of you be determined by how good a churchman, how vital a Christian, you are the moment you read these words—and by what you do after having read them.

In the true pattern of Christian growth, you can be a better churchman and Christian five or 50 years from now, for these qualities, like all life and all of life, are living, growing realities, their future rooted and nourished by their to-

days and their yesterdays.

Which makes it terribly important for the United Church of Christ and no less important for you yourself—that you do faithfully, enthusiastically, expectantly, the simple obvious things which are readily at hand for you to do as young Christian churchmen and churchwomen.

Here are some of them.

1. *You can keep that "Sunday morning date" you have with God.* True, your date with him is visualized in the church building, the church school classroom, the congregation assembled for worship, the pastor, the choir—each of them in its own way "of the earth, earthy." But all of them are major means or channels through which glimpses of God come to you. And, to borrow a figure of speech from a former dean of the chapel at Harvard, Sunday by Sunday you pile up in the storehouse of your mind an accumulation of flammable stuff which needs only the lightning flash of some crucial life experience to kindle it into the bursting flame of worthwhile meaning.

2. *You can give a like priority*
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gational Christian Churches to form the United Church of Christ, was effected simply to secure bigger numbers or to achieve bargaining advantages. Each and every union was effected as a response to the prayer of our Lord that his church have a oneness like the oneness that exists between God and himself.

Presently there are other churches exploring the possibilities of their being part of the United Church of Christ and soon there may be even more. But if the United Church of Christ is to have no significance beyond being simply another denomination with a cultivated flair for familiar denominationalism, we shall have accomplished little. It must be maintained as a uniting church and this is a task to be taken up now by today's youth.

Keep the United Church of Christ on the beams. Recently an airplane was attempting an instrument landing at LaGuardia Airport. For reasons not yet known (as of the time of this writing) it came about a mile and a half short of the landing strip and crashed into the East River killing most of its passengers. Sure, it was coming in on the beam—one beam, the one which provided horizontal guidance. It has been said that if the second beam—the one which gives vertical guidance—had been available, the accident might not have occurred.

I want to appeal to today's youth

to keep the United Church of Christ on the beams—both beams, the horizontal and the vertical. Without these two directions properly related, we too will crash.

To our youth, more than to any other group, falls the responsibility of making the United Church of Christ relevant. They, more than their elders, know what the great tasks are. More than the others they will see the results of explorations of both outer and inner space, of the tensions between the races, of the threat to human survival in another war, and of the fantastic population explosion. The church which is not *horizontally* beamed to make it relevant to the needs of man, the man for whom Christ died, were better already destroyed.

On the other hand, unless the *vertical dimension* is continually and rightly beamed, the United Church of Christ will be a flabby, supine, insignificant social organism, like a witch's broom in a spruce tree.

The church's power comes from God. The true church is God at work in the world. The God-man relationship must ever be right if there is to be saving grace in and by the church.

What a time for youth in the United Church of Christ! Here are tasks fit for a Buck Roger's imagination and a St. Francis' devotion. It's still true—"What you are to be you are now becoming." ▼▼▼

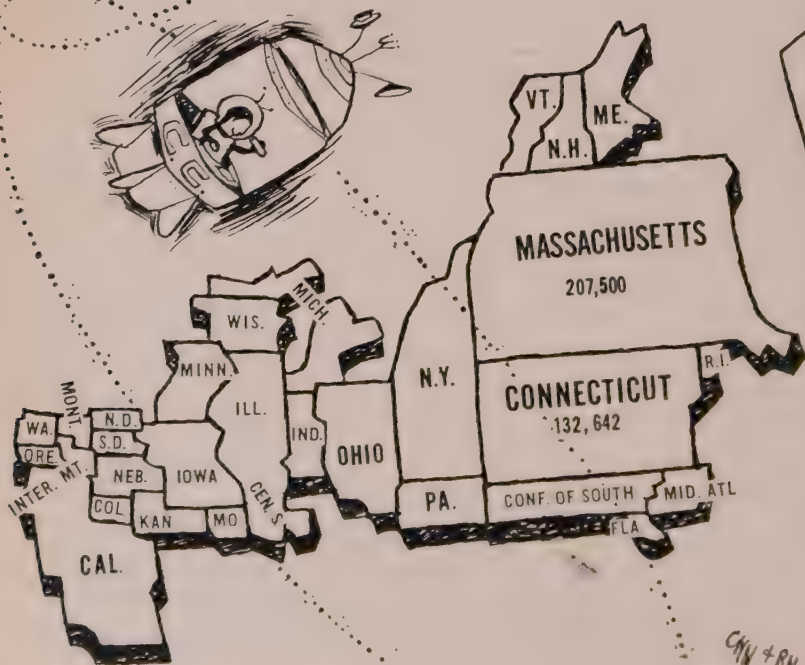
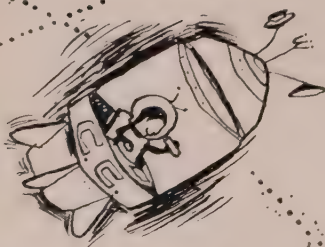
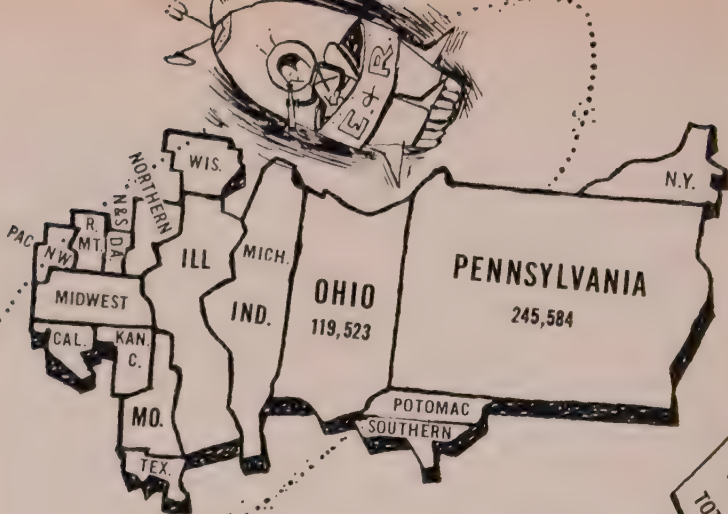
your youth fellowship which, under its human forms and limitations, is also a date with God. Here, in the leadership of worship, in the rigorous but mutually respectful exchange of ideas and opinions, in service activities shared with others, there is an opportunity to grow in an understanding of ultimate meanings which lead unfailingly to God as it was said in ancient times, "all roads lead to Rome."

3. *You can strive to be an informed Christian and churchman or churchwoman.* Your church school class and your youth group can contribute to this goal—especially if your wholehearted participation helps to make this all the more possible. Steady reading of *YOUTH* and *United Church Herald* will keep you up-to-date. Two booklets, "Pilgrimage to Unity" and "Historical Sketches," published when preparations were being made for the United Church, will be useful. So will the book entitled *Great Phrases of the Christian Language* containing chapters written respectively by seven leaders in the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian constituencies. Each chapter will introduce you to the meaning of one of the great phrases of the Christian tradition, and all of them together will suggest something of the spiritual attitudes and outlook underlying the United Church. More recently two

study guides have been published which would be usable for group discussion or private study. One of them, *The United Church of Christ*, edited by Dr. Fred D. Wentzel, will aid in understanding how the United Church came about, its mission and purpose. The other, *The Church's Life—A Study Guide for the Laity on the Church and the Bible*, by President Robert V. Moss, Jr., and Professor Roger Hazelton, will guide you in such areas of informed Christian churchmanship as its title suggests. Your pastor can advise you as to where all these materials are available, or write to Mrs. Nellie W. Baker, United Church of Christ, Room 1204A, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

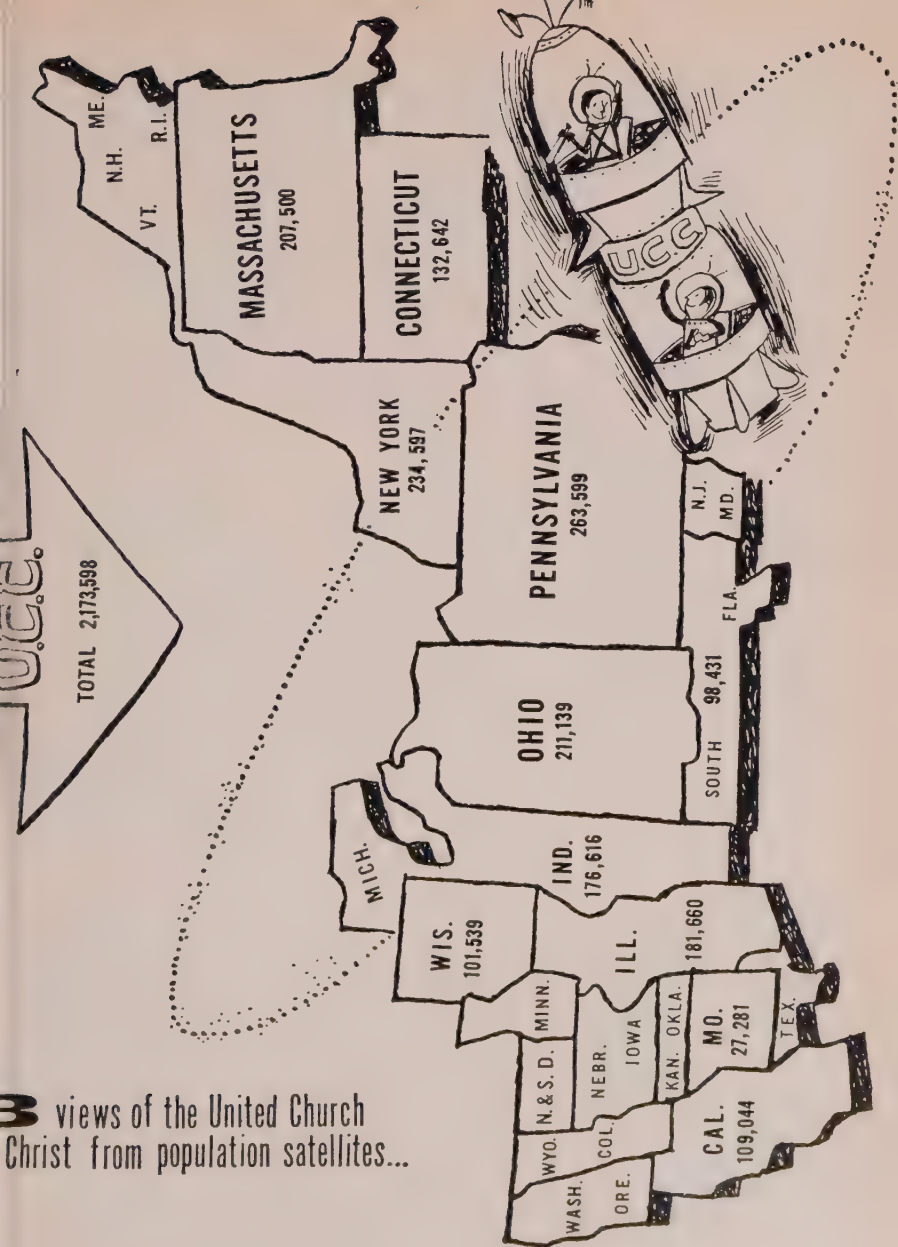
4. *You can take a second look at the lifework you've thought of preparing for.* Business, industry, or the professions—covenant with yourself and God—now!—that along with your daily work you will reserve time for continuing service in the lay ministries of the church. Equally important, consider whether your lifework might not most satisfyingly be spent, as physician, teacher, nurse, business administrator, secretary, journalist, etc., as a full-time worker in the church at home or abroad.

Taking hold of life at points like these today is the surest step to effective churchmanship and vital Christian living tomorrow. ▼▼▼



CAN + RV

3 views of the United Church
Christ from population satellites...



"How I discovered the fellowship"

As you've thought about the United Church of Christ, have you ever wondered what the young people of the "other" denomination are like? Well, it's a common feeling. We wrote to eight young people—four from each uniting group—who have now met through joint meetings or projects. The four Congregational Christian youth answered the question: "How I discovered the Youth Fellowship." And the E and R young people answered the query: "How I discovered the Pilgrim Fellowship." Here are their answers.



Carol Moore

Carol Moore, president of the New Hampshire PF writes:

Before writing for this forum, I had never stopped to evaluate my ideas about YFers prior to working with them at Joint National Council last summer. I have always expected that teen-age people WOULD be teen-age people, regardless—and this belief was certainly borne out at National! Some of my dormmates represented YF's from the midwestern synods; they were just as sleepy as I at 7 a. m., and waged many friendly "battles" over the use of the shower after a long, hot day in the city. I did not find the Youth Fellowship to be something new or different, set apart in a little niche of its own, but, rather, I discovered in its organization and purposes further reasons for believing in and supporting the merger. Equally important, I met many wonderful young people, YFers, whom I am happy to have as friends.



Sigrid Boyum

Sigrid Boyum, Makawao, Maui, Hawaii:

The true meaning of Pilgrim Fellowship has been unfolding for me ever since I became part of it. At first my activities were wholly with my local group. As a sophomore, my interests widened to include Island and Territorial Associations. The vastness of our youth organizations became real to me through the wonderful experience of being a delegate to the National Council meeting. (Since we have no E and R churches in Hawaii, I did not know about Youth Fellowship.) I learned who the YFers were, and soon realized that only our names are different—in essence we are young American Christians striving to become better people through faith, action, and fellowship with each other.



Elaine Eiben

Elaine Eiben, Bayard, Neb., comments:

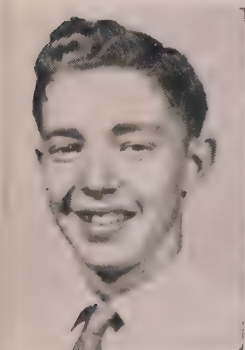
I found out that the Congregational Christian youth were "human." Astonishing as it sounds, that's my discovery in a nutshell. Having always lived where the population consisted mostly of E and R churches and nary a single CC to be found, I often wondered what one of these teens about whom I heard and read so much was like as a person. Since moving to Bayard, the local Congregational church and ours have formed a single United Fellowship, or so we like to call it.



George Thomas

George Thomas, New Orleans, La.:

Even though I belonged to the Pilgrim Fellowship at Church, the true meaning of it wasn't clear to me until last summer. During the training sessions for caravanners at Pottstown, Pa., and at different workshops, I discovered what the Pilgrim Fellowship was actually like. I met E and R young people while caravanning last summer in Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. I had previously thought of the E and R young people as persons who recognized the existing similarity between the two denominations and realized that a united church would be advantageous to both. I found this to be true. I don't remember them as Congregational Christians or E and R's—only as united Christians.

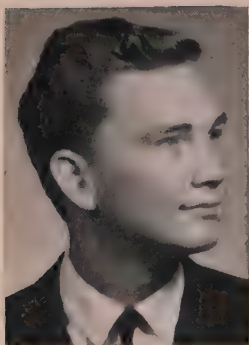


Kenneth Heasley

Kenneth Heasley, Export, Pa., comments:

This past summer I had the very good fortune to attend the Joint National Youth Council held at New York City, and the senior high work camp at the Voluntary Service Center, Pottstown, Pa. This was the first time I had ever had any contact with members of the Pilgrim Fellowship. At both of these places I found myself working with a group of very sincere young people whose chief interest was to build a strong program for youth which would bring us closer to being true Christians.

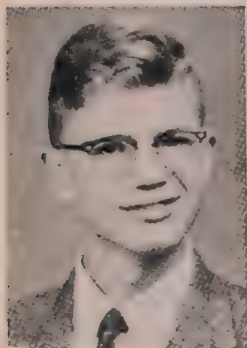




Larry Smith

Writes Larry Smith, Burlington, N. C.:

I have discovered what the Youth Fellowship is like and what it stands for by accepting the exciting challenges and opportunities offered to each of us by our church. When I first began attending Youth Fellowship meetings, I saw that there was a real challenge awaiting me and that it was up to me to become an active part of Youth Fellowship, its work, and its goals. Since that time I have accepted these opportunities, made new friends, learned, taught, and above all, known Christ in an active way. I have also found through caravanning, guest speaking, and studying, that the Pilgrim Fellowship is truly our twin sister. Both organizations should always work together, for our work and goals are the same.



Nick Sturgeon

Nick Sturgeon, Salt Lake City, Utah:

Since we have no E and R churches in Utah, I had never met a member of the Youth Fellowship before the Joint National Council last summer. My first impression was that about 90 per cent of the YFers come from Pennsylvania, and that many had German-sounding names, while most PFers had English-sounding names. I found that my estimate on the proportion from Pennsylvania was quite a bit too high, and names were no sure sign either—especially since we PFers elected Jim Schmidt (German name) as our president, while the YF selected Reggie Wagner (English name) as its leader.



Rita Roush

Rita Roush, Allentown, Pa.:

National Council brought with it the thrill of meeting new people. Until then, Pilgrim Fellowship was just a name, but now it means people like Frank, Letty, Dick. There were only two ways of telling who was a PFER. First, some of them pronounced "synod" in a rather odd fashion. Their denomination is divided into state conferences and they have had no experience with synods. Second, one could often tell by a person's home state. Pennsylvania is mostly E and R while New England is practically all CC. Perhaps my most memorable experience was the evening we celebrated the first anniversary of the merger. We clasped hands in a circle under a summer sky and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."



Together we can take big strides >>>

Here's what happens
when national youth officers meet

Catching the cabinet in cartoons

ONCE or twice a year the national officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship and Youth Fellowship get together for joint meetings. They talk over plans which the two groups are tackling jointly. Advising at these meetings are Ed Powers, secretary of youth work (CC), Henry Tani and Ethel Shellenberger, director and associate director of youth work (E&R). What are these meetings like? One of the cabinet members, Marilyn Reynolds, Indianapolis, Ind., sketched her impressions.



Marilyn Reynolds



Every family has problems—work them out! And so it is at cabinet meetings. Here's where the real work is done!



"The Big Three" join cabinet members for an after-meeting midnight snack.



Late to bed . . . early to rise . . . gets a lot done!



Cube-minded cabinet members turn to "Four Square" for relaxation

There are worship moments, too, and always the favorite, "We are climbing Jacob's ladder . . ."





Whether conducting an outdoor service (above), or leading a group discussion, or directing recreation, the caravaners were always on the move.

Caravan Team Tackles Texas Assignment

The Texas Caravan Team included: Jane Greer, Lexington, N. C.; Fred Suedmeyer, Baltimore, Md.; Mary Ann Randall, Nashville, Ill.; and Jean Wobbe, Des Plaines, Ill.





All photos by Fred Suedmeyer

At one Texas church which the team visited, interior painting (left) was the work project. Door-to-door surveying was the project in another community (right).

WE were all alone in the Lone Star State. We were to work as a team. No adults to help. Just four young people. We were to be leaders. We had five weeks ahead of us—at four churches and one camp.” That about sizes up the assignment which the Texas Caravan faced last summer. These four teens were among 36 young people who had been trained at Pottstown, Pa., to work on nine caravan teams of four members each. Working one week at a time in churches and summer camp, they were trained to help local churches start or improve their local youth program. These caravaners, 17 years and older, represented five denominations, several races, and came from many states and Hawaii. Already for the coming summer, caravan applications are being screened and invitations from churches received. ►►►



Sitting down with a local youth group, the caravan team shared ideas and helped in planning future programs



Eating and dripping watermelon was a Texas custom the caravaners came to enjoy.

After a busy schedule—time to relax

BE prepared for the unexpected" is the unwritten motto of the caravaners. And the Texas Caravan Team was no exception. They had their last-minute changes to adjust to, and the suddenly-larger group than originally anticipated. Their schedule included a week at each of the following: Church of the Master, Dallas; First Church, Houston; Community Church, San Antonio; Slumber Falls Camp; and First Church, New Braunfels. There were work projects, meetings with the minister and YF leaders, demonstrations on how *not* to lead a worship service, interdenominational youth sessions; sermons and church school lessons on Sunday mornings, daily devotions as a team, and the usual chores of keeping up with correspondence back home, team reports, and washing clothes. But with Southern hospitality way above par, these Texas caravaners had their moments of fun, too. And where else but Texas do the sites and sights come bigger?



No trip to Texas would seem complete without a visit to the Alamo. Such trips were possible in rare spare moments and in between stops.





on this business of living

Six girls ask: How do you get a date?

QUESTION: A letter from the spokesman for "Six Girls" says: We are all 16 and interested in boys. But boys don't seem to be interested in us. We have had so few dates that we are beginning to wonder what is wrong.

We think we're friendly enough; we laugh and get along pleasantly with all the boys we know. We try to be neat and attractive at school, church, and community affairs where everyone goes stag. At school the boys often talk with us and sometimes walk part way home with us. But when it comes to a party or a dance, we just aren't asked for dates.

We realize that we are young and have plenty of time ahead, but we'd like to date sometimes. We think most girls our age are invited out more than we are. Can you give us possible reasons for our predicament?

ANSWER: Your letter reflects the trend in recent years for girls in

the United States to want to date regularly at an earlier age than did girls several decades ago. Apparently some girls feel practically "on the shelf" at 18 if they're not engaged. Just what the gradual shift in teen thinking on this means might be an excellent topic for your Youth Fellowship to discuss.

To get back to your specific question, there are several important factors to consider. From what you say in your letter, you undoubtedly try to take Step One by being as neat and attractive as possible with your clothes worn nicely and your hair brushed neatly and worn in a becoming style.

Point two concerns your manners. Boys who are worth knowing usually prefer girls who are good listeners. Can you start a shy boy talking by asking him how the game went, or how he likes the new field? Such topics of conversation give a boy an impression that he really rates, and he will like you better for

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getting him tell you how good a swimmer, batter, or radio ham he is.

The next factor concerns your availability. Are you sometimes gone—or available singly? Or do you “Six Girls” tag along in tight formation as the “snug little clique”? Most boys under 18 are wary of girls in groups.

Perhaps the next point is most important. Are you reaching so hard for boys to date that the ones you really want feel you are trying too hard? The typical male ego makes peculiar pride in doing the winning. Perhaps you are rushing the years a little too. Don't tell boys this, but at 18 some of them are just then coming into the stage of maturity where they think dates are fun.

Drop into your local library and pick up some books on dating. One of the newest and most helpful is *The Art of Dating* by Evelyn Millis Luwall.

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“Why don't the rest of you go ahead with your games and everything, and I'll call you when the wieners are ready.”

Church Music in Jazz Suggested to Composers

Church music and jazz may seem as far apart as the poles. But at least two Episcopal clergymen, Canon Anthony Parshley and Rev. Edwin Packard of Rhode Island, expressed the hope that American composers would turn their talents to writing church music in the jazz idiom.

Their comments followed the performance at Father Packard's church of the "Twentieth Century Folk Mass." Father Packard played the bass fiddle with the small jazz group which accompanied the 130-member chorus at the performance.

"For young people steeped in con-

temporary music, the Beaumont Mass (written by an English priest) has validity," said Canon Parshley. "I would like some American musicians to work on something like this."

Young people from throughout the state who attended the Mass, Father Packard added, found it "a meaningful way to say their prayers."

Churches Asked to Back World Refugee Year

The total number of unsettled refugees in the world has been estimated at 2,500,000. In order to "encourage governments to provide refugees with the opportunity of becoming established citizens" of a nation, the United Nations has adopted a resolution calling for a "1959 United Nations World Refugee Year." Scheduled to start in June, the resolution was co-sponsored by the U. S., Great Britain and other countries. Member churches of the World Council of Churches have been urged to give their support.

Having had a corneal transplant, this young lad discusses his new eyesight with the First Lady on the anniversary of the founding of an eye-bank association.

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President Proclaims Youth Fitness Week

President Dwight Eisenhower has proclaimed the week beginning May 13 as National Youth Fitness Week. The President stated: "It is essential, in this challenging world, that our young people recognize their obligation to themselves, to their families, and to the nation, and endeavor to keep themselves mentally, emotionally, spiritually, socially, and physically fit."

He urged parents, young people, and interested organizations to promote programs and activities during the week that would demonstrate the importance of youth fitness.

Communist Paper Urges Polygamy in Poland

A communist youth magazine in Warsaw (Poland) recently suggested that because of the "considerable shortage" of women in Poland, the government should permit polygamy. The magazine, *Radar*, noted for its ultra-progressive views, argued that polygamy was "recognized as normal" in ancient times "until the Roman Catholic Church condemned it."

First N.J. Negro Elected as Youth Governor

A 17-year-old senior from Camden High School recently became the first Negro to be elected Youth Governor of New Jersey. Theodore

T. Grove, Jr., was selected over three other candidates by some 250 boy and girl legislators representing Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs in 150 New Jersey communities.

The 22nd annual pre-legislative conference, held on the Princeton University campus, served as a prelude to the annual model legislature, which convened in Trenton earlier this month. The Youth Governor-elect is president of the student government at Camden High School and was co-captain of the football team.

U.C.C. Lists 28 Members in Congress

According to tabulations compiled by the Library of Congress, Roman Catholics are more numerous in the 86th Congress than members of any other denomination. Members of Congress listing membership in the Catholic church numbered 103, 91 in the House and 12 in the Senate. Methodists are second with 98. Presbyterians claim 68 members; Baptists, 64; and Episcopalians, 63.

The Congregational Christian Church lists 26 members, 19 in the House and 7 in the Senate, and the Evangelical and Reformed Church has two members in the House. Thus the United Church of Christ lists 28 members.

Total tabulation shows that Congress has 412 Protestants; 103 Catholics; 13 Jews; one Sikh and five listing no affiliation.

Your opinion, please!

What will the future youth organization of the United Church of Christ be like? Perhaps you have dreams or ideas of what you'd like to see in such a new youth set-up. A committee, which meets again on June 8-14, is working on a plan for a new youth organization, or fellowship, in the United Church of Christ. Your ideas about the church, your Youth Fellowship or Pilgrim Fellowship, and the National Youth Council will help the committee. Jot down your thoughts to the following questions, clip this page, and mail it to the address given below.

1. What activity or function of your church has the greatest appeal and meaning to you as a young person? Why?

2. What do you like, or do not like, about your Youth Fellowship or Pilgrim Fellowship as it is now? Why? What changes would you suggest?

3. How does the National Youth Council (PF or YF) affect your local fellowship program?

4. What is the one most important thing that should definitely be included in any new youth organization planned for the United Church of Christ?

Your name:

Your home church:

Your hometown, and state:

Send your comments by May 15 to Miss June Yamauchi, 86 Pilgrim Road, Boston, Mass.

When you're baby-sitting with young babies



THE BABY looked adorable as he dimpled up at you from the carriage. "Of course," you reassured the departing anxious mother. "Everything will be just fine. Don't you worry about a thing." The door closes and the baby starts to yell. He never stops. For a solid hour he screams while you vainly endeavor to soothe him. Baby's face is a mottled red and you're afraid he might be sick. What to do? Your mind goes blank and there's a knot of desperation in your stomach.

To help you avoid a similar hair-raising predicament, the Mennen Baby Products Research Bureau offers the following suggestions:

BEFORE BABY'S PARENTS LEAVE

1. Jot down the phone number where baby's parents can be reached; also the phone number of baby's doctor and a neighbor or friend.
2. Be sure you know where to find clean diapers, baby oil, cotton, baby powder; *know how to change a diaper.*
3. Have baby's mother explain how to give baby his bottle.

WHILE YOU'RE ON THE JOB

1. Check baby every once in a while to make sure he's alright.
2. Keep the TV and radio low or you won't hear baby's cries.
3. If baby starts to cry, *don't push the panic button!* Think first of the most obvious thing that could be wrong. Perhaps some slight disturbance has awakened him. Pat the baby gently, speak to him softly. Or it could be that he's hungry and/or his diaper needs to be changed. If the baby has not quieted down in a reasonable amount of time, then phone his mother.

A Litany of Purpose

LEADER: Where are we going as youth? What are we striving for?

ALL: *To know God in our lives as revealed by Jesus Christ.*

LEADER: How might the atomic age challenge us?

ALL: *To worship him only.*

LEADER: What do we consider to be the means of knowing our relationship to other forces around us?

ALL: *To study his truth.*

LEADER: What is our goal?

ALL: *To dedicate ourselves to do his will.*

LEADER: We have dedicated ourselves, what then is our task?

ALL: *To witness to the message and the mission of the church among all people.*

LEADER: As young people what is our responsibility to our world neighbors, regardless of skin color, heritage, and ways of worship?

ALL: *Serving the world in the name of Christ, striving toward the establishment of brotherhood, justice, and peace.*

LEADER: So then, how may you and I seek to fulfill our mission "that we fail not man nor thee"?

ALL: *To cooperate with all who seek to extend the Christian fellowship.*

